

Questions for discussion in Chapter 2

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1. What is **phonology**? What is **phonetics**?
2. What is the **function** or use of phonetics?
3. What is the “**phoneme**”? What is the “**phone**”? Can you illustrate them with “state”? Is it true if we say that a phoneme is a single of sound that can be pronounced in only one way?
4. What is the “**minimal pair**”? Are “pie” and “spy” a set of minimal pair? Are “cat” and “cat” a set of minimal pair? Explain.
5. What is the **diphthong**? The **monophthong**?
6. Do you recognize the **IPA symbols** in general?
7. Do the practice on slide 9.
8. What’s the difference between /b/ and [b]?
9. What is the **allophone**? Can you tell the differences between *phoneme*, *phone*, and *allophone*? Provide examples.
10. The concept of **broad transcription** and **narrow transcription**. What is the **diacritic**?
11. The demonstrations of the **vowel** in general
12. The explanation of the English vowel
13. What is **systematic phonetic transcription**? What is **impressionistic transcription**?
14. Do the exercise section I on page 50.